



In re Application of:

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For: SYSTEM FOR DRILLING OIL  
AND GAS WELLS USING  
OVERSIZED DRILL STRING TO  
ACHIEVE INCREASED  
ANNULAR RETURN  
VELOCITIES

Group Art Unit: Not Assigned

Examiner: Not Assigned

## 37 C.F.R. §110

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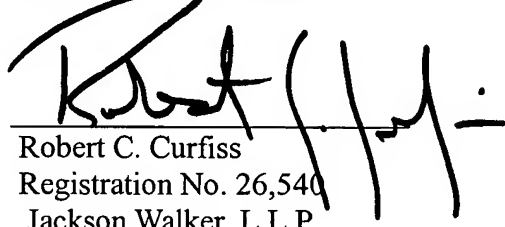
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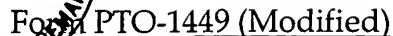
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4. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees, if any, or discrepancies in fees required, to Deposit Account 10-0096.
5. Undersigned counsel hereby requests a telephone conference with the Examiner if there are any questions. It is respectfully requested that the references be considered by the Examiner, be made a part of the official record, and be cited in the issued patent.

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